

WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

2 Cor. 5.1-9

2 Cor 5:1 Two houses:

1. *Tabernacle*: Tent-house..temporary -physical bodies
2. *Building of God*: Permanent—glorified bodies

We are tent-houses.

...were dissolved: demolished, loosened down

...a building of God A solid, well-built, architecturally sound house which is much superior to the structure of the tent.

At death, our temporary, fragile, tent-house dismantled and we will be living in a strong, permanent, well-built building made by God

Referring to new spiritual bodies

an house not made with hands: Sole architect is God.

eternal in the heavens: Built to last forever.

For we know: know for sure...fullness of knowledge... relationship Phil 1:21 -23

What happens when child of God dies?

At moment of death his spirit goes to be with Christ.

His body is dissolved

When Jesus comes back (Rapture) for His own, He will raise dead bodies

Wiersbe *...and body and spirit shall be joined together for a glorious eternity in heaven.*

Resurrected bodies: Job 19:25-26; Psa 17:15; Dan 12:2; John 6:44; 11:25-26; Acts 4:1,2; 1 Th 4:16; 2 Cor 4:14

2 Cor 5:2 *For in this we groan*, grow very weary

earnestly desiring We long to be clothed with our new heavenly spiritual bodies which we will get when we get to Heaven.

Wiersbe: *It is important to note that Paul was not groaning because he was in a human body, but because he longed to see JESUS CHRIST and receive a glorified body. He was groaning for glory!*

... clothed upon: Put on new spiritual garments over old and old being absorbed into new. 1 Cor 15:53

2 Cor 5:3 *... not be found naked*: without spiritual body when die.

We look forward to time when He puts over our frail earthen vessel body a new permanent eternal garment of righteousness.

2 Cor 5:4 Groan: Sigh, murmur, weighed down

While we are still alive-in this tent (tabernacle) we sigh deeply

... not for that we would be unclothed... Not that we would like to die or have no body at all, but we would like to slip into our new bodies

...that mortality might be swallowed up of life: our dying and decaying and dissolving bodies might be overwhelmed by eternal life after resurrection.

2 Cor 5:5 The one who has prepared and made us fit for this is God

... earnest of the Spirit: down payment of purchase price. Down payment is the Holy Spirit ...

Engagement ring... Vines

Wiersbe: *The church is engaged to Jesus Christ and is now waiting for the Bridegroom to come to take her to the wedding."*

Rom 8:11; 2 Cor 1:22; Phil 1:6; Eph 2:10

Holy Spirit is an internal witness/confirmation of new birth. John 16:8

2 Cor 5:6 Always confident! Because of affirmation Holy Spirit puts in our hearts

...knowing that every moment we spend in these earthly tents is time spent absent from our real home in heaven with Jesus.

2 Cor 5:7 (Our lives are lived not by what we see but by what we don't see.

When person begins to live his life by sight and not by faith?

Turns to signs.

Starts looking for special, extra-Biblical signs from God to verify His power and His presence.

Walk by sight : has to be explained

Heb 11:1 Faith is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.

2 Cor 5:8 Absent from the body: death.

Present with the Lord: Expectation, confidence of Child of God. ... be present with Lord Jesus Christ.

willing rather ... Our desire is to be with Him in Heaven. Our confidence and motivation.

2 Cor 5:9 We are consistently working, ambitiously striving to please Him in whatever we do.

Labour: aspire, be ambitious toward.

Accepted: euarestos; well-pleasing to God.